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# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### INDIAN COWBOYS ROUND UP AT ROCKY BOY'S

By KIM SKORNOGOSKI Tribune Staff Writer

ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION — Heads moved in unison to watch Cut Bank's Dustin Bird rip out of the gate and lasso a speedy calf Thursday. When the announcer declared his time of five seconds, a crowd of competing cowboys good-naturedly groaned.

### ST. MARY OVERHAUL NEARS LAST ROADBLOCK

By FAITH BREMNER Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Senate is expected to grant final approval today to legislation that would authorize federal agencies to spend \$153 million overhauling the aging St. Mary diversion canal along Montana's Hi-Line.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT KEEPS 'FOOLS CROW' IN CURRICULUM

By ALANA LISTOE, IR Staff Writer 08/02/07

A literary review committee with the Helena School District decided to keep "Fools Crow" by James Welch on the approved list in the English curriculum at the high school level.

### GARCEAU GULCH FIRE SMOKES UP THE RESERVATION

By Maggie Plummer

POLSON — A lightning-caused wildfire in the Salish Mountains 11 miles southwest of here blew up last Tuesday (July 24), sending a dramatic plume of smoke high into the sky over the Flathead Reservation.



There's one sure way to know that there's a fire in dem der mountains: if in doubt, follow da signs. (Kim Swaney photo)

### FISH STRESSED DURING WARM TEMPERATURES

Streams on Flathead Indian Reservation have had a relatively long period of 80 to 100 degree days this summer, and this stresses fish by raising the temperatures of area water bodies. Anglers need to be aware about how stressful these conditions are on fish if they are fishing on Tribal lands.

### HOUSE AMENDMENTS FUND 'SAFETY FOR NATIVE WOMEN'

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Commerce-Justice-Science 2008 appropriations bill July 26, that contained \$430 million in funding for the Department of Justice Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Programs.

## [AMERICAN INDIAN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CONVENTION COMES TO BILLINGS](#)

BILLINGS — Two years ago, local Native American AA members began work to bring the Annual National/International Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention to Billings, Montana. Their efforts were successful. The Holiday Inn Grand Montana, 5500 Midland Road, Billings, Montana will be the host hotel for the 17th Annual National/International Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention October 25-28, 2007.

## [MSU WEBSITE INCLUDES NATIVE AMERICAN LINKS AND FREE E-BOOK](#)

BOZEMAN — A new page on Montana State University's Web site serves as a gateway for all the university's programs for Native American students and community members.

## [THE INSPIRATION OF CHRIST RISES OVER CROW AGENCY](#)

by Jim Eshleman Big Horn County News

When driving towards Crow Agency from Hardin or driving north from Lodge Grass travelers are being greeted by a new site that graces the sky over Crow Agency. On a hill behind the St. Dennis Catholic Church there stands a 33 foot wooden cross watching over the city.



Photo by Jim Eshleman

On a hill behind the St. Dennis Catholic Church a 33 foot wooden cross graces the skyline over the city of Crow Agency. Said to be the tallest cross in Montana it easily can be seen from I-90 by travelers.

## [PUBLIC INVITED TO 'SNEAK A PEEK' AT DETENTION CENTER](#)

Going into prison is not for the faint of heart, but residents of Hardin and Big Horn County are offered the rare opportunity to do just that next week. "As you might expect, the window of opportunity for viewing the inside of the facility is narrow. Once the facility is in use, there is really only one way to gain entrance inside the secure perimeter and no one wants you to do that!" stated James Klessens of Two Rivers Port Authority.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Support our Helena Indian Alliance by purchasing an Indian Taco!**

Indian Tacos are available every Wednesday from noon to 1 pm. The cost is \$7.00/taco or \$3.00 for fry bread.

Pre-orders are welcome and are accepted until 11 am each Wednesday.

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